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(380) NIGHT LEAD MCCONE

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WASHINGTON, JAN. 30 (AP)—SEN. MIKE MANSFIELD, D-MONT., ASKED TODAY FOR A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IN JOHN A. MCCONE AS DIRECTOR OF THE CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY AFTER REPUBLICANS BLOCKED A MOVE TO DELAY TOMORROW'S SHOWDOWN VOTE ON THE NOMINATION.

MANSFIELD, THE SENATE DEMOCRATIC LEADER, TOLD THE SENATE MCCONE HAS BEEN "MOST EFFICIENT, MOST EFFECTIVE AND MOST PATRIOTIC" IN OTHER FEDERAL POSTS AND HIS "EXERCISED HIS DUTIES FAITHFULLY AND WELL."

MANSFIELD HAD SOUGHT A UNANIMOUS AGREEMENT TO SET ASIDE A PREVIOUS DECISION TO VOTE AT 2 P.M. (EST) TOMORROW. HE SAID ONE SENATOR, APPARENTLY SEN. WAYNE MORSE, D-ORE., HAD ASKED A DELAY UNTIL HIS RETURN FROM THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN URUGUAY.

BUT SEN. LEVERETT SALTONSTALL, R-MASS., OBJECTED TO A DELAY UNTIL FRIDAY, AND SEN. EVERETT M. DIRKEN, R-ILL., THE MINORITY LEADER, BLOCKED A POSTPONEMENT UNTIL THURSDAY.

MEANWHILE, SEN. JOSEPH S. CLARK, D-PA., ANNOUNCED HE WOULD REGRETFULLY VOTE AGAINST MCCONE, A WEALTHY CALIFORNIA INDUSTRIALIST AND FORMER CHAIRMAN OF THE ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION, BECAUSE:

1. HE FELT THE NOMINEE LACKED THE SORT OF COOL, DISPASSIONATE JUDGMENT AND JUDICIOUS TEMPERAMENT NEEDED FOR THE JOB.
2. HE BELIEVED MCCONE'S HOLDING OF \$1 MILLION WORTH OF STANDARD OIL OF CALIFORNIA STOCK RAISED A SERIOUS QUESTION OF "CONFLICT OF INTEREST" BECAUSE THE CIA IS CERTAIN TO BECOME INVOLVED IN "THE TORTUOUS POLITICS" OF THE MIDDLE EAST DURING MCCONE'S TENURE.

SUBSEQUENTLY, SEN. FRANCIS CASE, R-S.C., VOICED CONCERN OVER SOME OF MCCONE'S SHIPPING HOLDINGS AND SAID HE HAS "NOT REACHED A FINAL DECISION OF HOW I AM GOING TO VOTE."

CASE SAID HE WAS STILL LOOKING INTO THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE NOMINEE ENJOYED TAX-FREE INCOME FROM THE OPERATION OF SHIPS UNDER PANAMANIAN AND NORWEGIAN FLAGS.

SEN. E. L. BARTLETT, D-ALASKA, WHO LISTENED TO CASE IN THE NEARLY EMPTY CHAMBER, SAID HE TOO HAD NOT MADE UP HIS MIND ON HOW HE WOULD VOTE.

BARTLETT SAID THE ARABIAN-AMERICAN OIL COMPANY, IN WHICH MCCONE HAS INDIRECT HOLDINGS THROUGH A MILLION DOLLARS IN STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA, HAD INTERFERED IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MIDDLE EAST NATIONS.

BARTLETT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHETHER THIS MEANT "SATISFACTORY" TO THE ARAB NATIONS,

THE OIL COMPANY, OR THE U.S. GOVERNMENT.

THE ALASKA SENATOR ADDED THAT HE WAS CERTAIN MCCOMB "WOULD WIN SENATE CONFIRMATION,
NO MATTER HOW HE VOTED.

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